

PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Peschke et al.

Application No.: 10/540,452

Confirmation No.: 1279

Filed: June 22, 2005

For: GASKET UNIT FOR A BEARING
BUSHING

Group: 3682

Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

Our File: INA-PT143

(4150-18-US)

Date: April 26, 2007

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Allowance and the Examiner's Amendment and is submitted in conjunction with the issue fee.

As the application was allowed with the first Office Action, Applicants request that this Reply be entered as it is merely directed to the formality of removing the parenthetical element numbers from the claims. It also appears based on the Examiner's Amendment that the Preliminary Amendment was not considered. To avoid further confusion, the Preliminary Amendment and Examiner's Amendment are both used as the starting point for this 312 Amendment and only the further

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amendments to delete the element numbers as shown. Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: